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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-9 and replace them with claims 10-18 as follows:

10. A process for the production of a membrane module, comprising a number of rod-shaped, ceramic filter elements, which are arranged parallel to one another and are clamped at the rod ends by covers, which in turn run perpendicular to rods, and also seals, which are provided between the ends of the rods, as well as openings in the covers, which is characterized by the following features: